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Batgirl™

BROMBAL
MIYAZAWA
FAUCHER
SPICER

JUSTICE SPINS INTO ACTION!

SONIC™
THE HEDGEHOG

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RINGS COLLIDE AND WORLDS UNITE IN THIS EPIC 5-ISSUE CROSSOVER EVENT FROM
WRITER **IAN FLYNN** AND ARTIST **ADAM BRYCE THOMAS**

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GO FAST! **STARTING IN MARCH**

EIGHTY MILES NORTH OF GOTHAM.

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

I'M...

...SORRY.

NEST OF THE UNBURIED.

FLY.

"YOU TOOK ALL MY SOFT, DAUGHTER...

I HELD YOU IN MY ARMS, AND I SAW IT.

HEH-HAHA!

--EARS ARE STILL RINGING.

WOMAN NEARLY KILLED ME!

ENOUGH GAMES.

I WISH TO END THIS *MYSELF.*

PATIENCE, CHODAK. YOU TOO, ***NERGUI.*** EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN. ***YOU*** ALMOST DIED BECAUSE YOU TWO WENT... ***OFF SCRIPT.***

YES. YOUR ***HUNGER*** GOT THE BETTER OF YOU ***BOTH.***

CONSIDER OUR ***ENEMIES...***

NYSSA'S ***LEAGUE OF SHADOWS*** LAY BROKEN BEFORE IT COULD EVEN CATCH FLIGHT.

THE BLOOD IS REDUCED TO ***CHAOS,*** AT LAST.

YES, EVEN SHIVA'S ***ORDER*** IS AT ITS KNEES.

SETTLING OLD SCORES, CLEARING THE BOARD...

...THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING FOR US ***UNBURIED,*** OLD FRIENDS.

and the ***batgirl?***

snip snip

THE BATGIRL HAS PROVEN TO BE NO ***TRUE HEIR*** OF SHIVA.

SHE HAS LEARNED THAT LESSON ***TWICE*** OVER, NOW.

THERE WILL ALWAYS BE ***BETTER,*** CASSANDRA.

THE SECOND YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, THE ***BEST*** WILL TAKE YOU OUT.

FOLLOW THE ***PLAN*** AS LAID OUT.

OUR ***LEADER*** DEMANDS IT.

AS ALWAYS, WE DO WHAT IS ***NECESSARY.***

BEEP

BOOM

LOOKING FOR THIS, LITTLE BAT?

YOU REALLY THINK WE ARE--

--STUPID?!

thd

GET UP, CASSANDRA.

YOUR ENEMIES WILL NOT DEFEAT THEMSELVES.

TEST YOUR LUCK.

HOLD YOUR *DISDAIN* FOR REALITY, DAUGHTER.

CHERISH IT LIKE WATER IN YOUR HANDS, BUT DO NOT--

--DENY IT!

FINALLY...

A WORTHY *CHALLENGER!*

KRAK

PAK

POW

PUT

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

THERE SHE IS.

JUST IN TIME.

sneaky little bat.

slow little bat.

sleep, little bat.

GLANCE.

WE'RE A LOT ALIKE, YOU AND I.

KRAK

TOUCH.

ONE YEAR FROM NOW, WE FIGHT.

I AM MORE!

HEARTBEAT.

SO TELL ME...WHAT WAS IT LIKE?

DEATH, I MEAN.

SNAP

SNAK

SMILE.

RISE...

...AND SHOW THEM **WHAT YOU ARE.**

HYyUUH!

HEY, BATGIRL...

IT'S ME... BATGIRL.

STEPHANIE!

HEH. YOU REALLY MISS ME, HUH?

YES.

AM I...?
NAHHH. NOT THIS TIME.
THAT'D BE **CRAZY** THOUGH, RIGHT?
I'D HAVE TO FIND A **LAZARUS PIT,** ASAP. *PHEW!*
HEY.
YOU'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH **A LOT** LATELY.
LIKE... **A LOT** A LOT.
WANNA TALK ABOUT IT?
YOU KNOW--
--I'M NOT SO...**GOOD** AT THAT.
I DO KNOW, BUT **LOOK AROUND,** SILLY.
THIS IS A **DREAM!**
IN HERE, **ANYTHING'S** POSSIBLE.
IN HERE, MAYBE CASSANDRA CAIN CAN FIND THOSE **WORDS?**
GO ON.
GIVE IT A SHOT.
SPEAK.

MY **MOTHER**... CAME BACK INTO MY LIFE.

RECENTLY.

AND WHENEVER SHE SHOWS UP...

...I ALWAYS **FALL APART.**

LIKE I'M SOME LOST... **LITTLE KID,** AGAIN, WITH NO CONTROL OF MY **OWN LIFE.**

AND I DON'T KNOW **WHY,** STEPHANIE.

I REALLY **DON'T!**

I-I NEVER EVEN **KNEW** HER UNTIL I WAS OLDER, AND...

...**YES,** SOMETIMES I WONDERED ABOUT HER AS A **CHILD,** BUT MY FA--

DAVID CAIN KEPT ME ON A **SHORT LEASH** WITH NO **ANSWERS!**

I'VE SPENT MY LIFE **UNLEARNING** WHAT HE **TAUGHT** ME, WHAT HE **DID** TO ME.

HOW TO HURT, MANIPULATE, **KILL** WITHOUT FEELING, WITHOUT **HEART,** BUT IT'S ALL ROOTED **SO DEEP** INSIDE ME. I ALWAYS **HOPED--**

...MAYBE MY MOTHER WAS **INNOCENT?** MAYBE PART OF ME WAS... **GOOD?**

BLAMELESS. JUST ANOTHER PAWN IN CAIN'S **CRUEL GAME...?**

BUT THEN I **MET** MY MOTHER.

AND I SAW A **KILLER.**

SHE WAS **HEARTLESS,** HURTFUL, MANIPULATIVE, AND CRUEL.

SHE WAS EVERYTHING I **HATED!** SHE WAS--

MY MOTHER WAS **ME.**

I LOOK AT HER, AND I SEE WHAT I ***WAS.***

WHAT I ***AM,*** AND WHAT I WILL ***BECOME!***

I ***CANNOT*** LOVE HER BECAUSE I DO NOT LOVE THOSE PARTS OF ME.

I ***LOVE*** HER BECAUSE SHE ***IS*** THOSE PARTS OF ME!

HOW DOES THAT ***MAKE SENSE?!***

NOW, IT IS HER VOICE I HEAR IN MY HEAD.

IT IS ***HER LIFE*** I TRY TO SAVE BECAUSE IF I CAN SAVE HER, MAYBE I CAN--

MAYBE I CAN ***SAVE--***

-hh!- *-hh!-* *-hh!-* THIS LOST ***LITTLE KID...***

...WITH NO CONTROL OF HER ***LIFE.***

HEY. HEY, COME HERE.

HOW DO YOU ***FEEL?***

BETTER.

-hh!-

WORSE.

ISN'T THAT HOW IT GOES?

TOO BAD THE ***DREAM'S OVER,*** BATGIRL.

TIME FOR YOU TO ***TAKE CONTROL*** AND--

WAKE UP

WAKE UP, CASSANDRA!

DID YOU GET YOUR *BEAUTY SLEEP?*

GOOD.

BECAUSE OUR ENEMIES WILL NOT *DEFEAT* THEMSELVES, MY DAUGHTER.

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INSIDE THE TOWER, THE LIVING AND THE DEAD SPEAK AS ONE.

BATMAN #4

DARK PATTERNS

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A DEADLY NEW CASE IN THE DARK PATTERNS SAGA FROM WRITER

DAN WATTERS

(*NIGHTWING*)

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(*ABSOLUTE WONDER WOMAN*)

MARCH

DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON

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ABSOLUTE FLASH

In 2024, DC shocked the comics world with the introduction of the Absolute Universe and the launch of the smash-hit series *Absolute Batman*, *Absolute Wonder Woman*, and *Absolute Superman*.

Now it's 2025, and the evolution continues with three new series set in the Absolute Universe, starting with *Absolute Flash* from the acclaimed team of writer Jeff Lemire and artist Nick Robles. In *Absolute Flash*, readers will meet a Wally West finding his way as a hero in a very different world with the odds decidedly stacked against him.

In advance of *Absolute Flash* #1, here's a look at Lemire's mission statement for the series, along with early concept sketches by Robles.

Unlike the Flashes of the main DC Universe, our Wally West will not be bound by legacy or tied to any lineage of speedsters. He is completely alone, with no frame of reference for what is happening to him. The powers he has been given are not an instant gateway to adventure, but rather they are often terrifying. Wally has no idea what's happening to him and has no one to turn to.

The Speed Force is a major element of the Flash mythology, and something that ties all the DCU speedsters together. But the origin of Absolute Wally's powers will not be connected to the Speed Force in any way. The Absolute Universe *has no Speed Force*.

Wally's power comes from a mysterious entropic energy source, and every time he uses it, he leaves chaos in his wake, the laws of physics breaking down around him. He is a kid whose life is spinning out of control and who is struggling to control his new abilities. These powers manifest as a sort of sci-fi body horror, twisting and distorting his body in terrifying ways.

Our first year of stories will be very much about Wally's journey as he slowly learns to control and understand what's happening to him.

DON'T MISS ***ABSOLUTE FLASH* #1**, ON SALE IN MARCH!

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